

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act with respect to claims  
relating to uranium mining.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LUMMIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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respect to claims relating to uranium mining.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Uranium Miners and  
5       Workers Act of 2023”.

6       **SEC. 2. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
8       5(a)(1) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act  
9       (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended  
10      to read as follows:

1 “(A) that individual—

2 “(i) was employed—

3 “(I) in a uranium mine or ura-  
4 nium mill (including any individual  
5 who was employed in the transport of  
6 uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore  
7 from such mine or mill) located in Ar-  
8 izona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico,  
9 North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota,  
10 Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming,  
11 or any other State for which the At-  
12 torney General makes a determination  
13 for inclusion of eligibility; and

14 “(II) at any time during the pe-  
15 riod beginning on January 1, 1942,  
16 and ending on December 31, 1978;  
17 and

18 “(ii)(I) was a miner exposed to 40 or  
19 more working level months of radiation or  
20 worked for at least 1 year during the pe-  
21 riod described under clause (i)(II) and sub-  
22 mits written medical documentation that  
23 the individual, after that exposure, devel-  
24 oped lung cancer, a nonmalignant res-  
25 piratory disease, renal cancer, or any other

1 chronic renal disease, including nephritis  
2 and kidney tubal tissue injury; or

3 “(II) was a miller, ore transporter, or  
4 core driller who worked for at least 1 year  
5 during the period described under clause  
6 (i)(II) and submits written medical docu-  
7 mentation that the individual, after that  
8 exposure, developed lung cancer, a non-  
9 malignant respiratory disease, renal can-  
10 cer, or any other chronic renal disease, in-  
11 cluding nephritis and kidney tubal tissue  
12 injury;”.

13 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—For individuals who are  
14 eligible for payments described in subparagraph (A) of  
15 section 5(a)(1) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation  
16 Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note), as  
17 amended by subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury  
18 shall transfer, not later than 60 days after the date of  
19 enactment of this Act, \$475,000,000 to the Radiation Ex-  
20 posure Compensation Trust Fund established under sec-  
21 tion 3 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, out  
22 of unobligated amounts appropriated for purposes of  
23 coronavirus response under any of the following:

1           (1) The Coronavirus Preparedness and Re-  
2        response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020  
3        (Public Law 116–123; 134 Stat. 146).

4           (2) The Families First Coronavirus Response  
5        Act (Public Law 116–127; 134 Stat. 178).

6           (3) The CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 134  
7        Stat. 281).

8           (4) The Paycheck Protection Program and  
9        Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–  
10       139; 134 Stat. 620).

11          (5) Divisions M and N of the Consolidated Ap-  
12        propriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260; 134  
13        Stat. 1182).

14          (6) The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
15        (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4).

16          (7) An amendment made by a provision of law  
17        described in any of paragraphs (1) through (6).

18   **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE**

19                   **COMPENSATION ACT.**

20          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(d) of the Radiation Ex-  
21        posure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42  
22        U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by striking the first sen-  
23        tence and inserting “The Fund shall terminate on the date  
24        that is 4 years after the date of enactment of the Uranium  
25        Miners and Workers Act of 2023.”.

1       (b) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.—Section 8(a) of the Ra-  
2   diation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–  
3   426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by striking “not  
4   later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the  
5   RECA Extension Act of 2022” and inserting “not later  
6   than 4 years after the date of enactment of the Uranium  
7   Miners and Workers Act of 2023”.